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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A MARINE SANCTUARY PROTECTION AREA
AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LONG ISLAND SOUND
TASK FORCE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2004*): Not later than July 1,
2 2005, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall adopt
3 regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to establish
4 a marine sanctuary protection area in Long Island Sound to protect the
5 ecological, recreational, educational and aesthetic qualities of the
6 sound. Such regulations shall include, but not be limited to, (1) the
7 boundaries of such protection area, as described in terms of latitude
8 and longitude, and (2) prohibitions of certain uses that would damage,
9 diminish, degrade, impair, destroy or otherwise harm such protection
10 area.

11 Sec. 2. Section 18 of public act 03-140 is repealed and the following is
12 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

13 Not later than December 1, 2004, the Connecticut Energy Advisory
14 Board shall develop infrastructure criteria guidelines for the evaluation

15 process under subsection (f) of section 16a-7c, which guidelines shall
 16 be consistent with state environmental policy, state economic
 17 development policy, the state's policy regarding the restructuring of
 18 the electric industry, as set forth in section 16-244, and the findings in
 19 the comprehensive energy plan prepared pursuant to section 16a-7a,
 20 and shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (1)
 21 Environmental preference standards; (2) efficiency standards,
 22 including, but not limited to, efficiency standards for transmission,
 23 generation and demand-side management; (3) generation preference
 24 standards; (4) electric capacity, use trends and forecasted resource
 25 needs; (5) natural gas capacity, use trends and forecasted resource
 26 needs; and (6) national and regional reliability criteria applicable to the
 27 regional bulk power grid, as determined in consultation with the
 28 regional independent system operator, as defined in section 16-1, as
 29 amended. In developing environmental preference standards, the
 30 board shall take cognizance of the recommendations and findings of
 31 the task force established pursuant to section 25-157a, as amended, and
 32 Executive Order Number 26 of Governor John G. Rowland. The board
 33 shall identify any data or information in addition to the
 34 recommendations and findings of such task force that would enhance
 35 the capability of state agencies having cognizance of matters relating to
 36 Long Island Sound to plan for, manage and evaluate future proposed
 37 uses of, and encroachments into, Long Island Sound bottomlands.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2004</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To direct the Department of Environmental Protection to establish a marine protection sanctuary area in Long Island Sound, to require the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board shall take cognizance of the recommendations and findings of the Long Island Sound Task Force, and to direct such board to identify any data or information in addition to such recommendations and findings that would enhance the capability of state agencies having cognizance of matters relating to

Long Island Sound to plan for, manage and evaluate future proposed uses of, and encroachments into, Long Island Sound bottomlands.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]